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27 28 I, Sam Patel, declare as follows:

- I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, except for facts that are stated on information, belief, or understanding. As to the latter, I have a good faith basis for believing them to be true. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- 2. I am a member of 2930 El Camino, LLC, and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Best Western Red Coach Inn at 700 Eddy Street, in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco.
- 3. The Best Western is located within two blocks of 685 Ellis Street and the COVA Hotel. I understand those locations have been operated as homeless shelters by the City of San Francisco. The hotel is also located less than a block from a former paraphernalia distribution site on Willow Street and a current paraphernalia distribution site at the Glide Memorial Church parking lot.
- 4. The sidewalks on the block outside the hotel, and on Willow Street behind the hotel, are frequently occupied by groups of people who appear to be homeless drug users consuming narcotics. I see people who appear to be under the influence of drugs standing, sitting, or lying down on the sidewalks. My employees report to me that drug use occurs regularly around the hotel. Some of the homeless people erect makeshift shelters on the sidewalk or Willow Street behind the hotel. I also see lots of discarded items, such as garbage, syringes, needles, pipes, and aluminum foil. My employees consistently try to clean up these hazards as quickly as possible to keep hotel guests safe and maintain our hotel's reputation. However, these conditions will be reported by guests in reviews, which I believe causes prospective guests to avoid booking with us. There is noise from arguments and yelling. There are offensive smells caused by smoke and human waste. These activities and conditions disrupt the hotel's operations, my employees' work, and the guests' use and enjoyment of the property.

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5.	Because of the conditions on the sidewalks and Willow Street adjacent
to the hotel, I	must take extra care for my safety when entering or leaving the hotel
premises. Gu	ests and employees have reported that the conditions around the hotel
raise concern	s about their safety when coming to and from the property. We have had
guests who bo	ook out early because of these conditions. I believe some prospective
guests do not	book with us because of the conditions around the hotel.

6. While these conditions and hazards around the hotel will improve at times, they have been largely consistent and have a substantial impact on the operation of the hotel. I continue to see feces, garbage, syringes, needles, aluminum foil, and pipes along the sidewalk and on or around hotel property. It costs us time and money to clean the hotel grounds or remove drug users. These conditions negatively impact my business's ability to attract guests and maintain a good reputation as a pleasant place to stay in San Francisco.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this 15th day of August, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

Sam Patel